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BY MARGARET SCHERT

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THE BOOK ALSO QUOTES DULLES AS SAYING: "I WOULD TELL THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ANYTHING, YES, I AM UNDER HIS CONTROL. . . I WOULDN'T NECESSARILY TELL ANYBODY ELSE, UNLESS THE PRESIDENT AUTHORIZED ME TO DO IT."

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